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1. The twenty-kilometer-wide area adjoining the zonal border in Kreise Plauen, Schleiz, Sonneberg, Saalfeld, and Wildburghausen has been declared a restricted area by the Russians. Inhabitants are restricted to their own local cities and all travel forbidden. Meetings, school sessions, and church services have been prohibited until further notice. All taverns and restaurants have been closed. The official explanation is the prevalence of infantile paralysis. (Comment: There have been no reports of infantile paralysis on a scale to justify the above quarantine measures.)
 2. According to source, the population believes that the quarantine was caused by the reshuffle of German and Russian border police units. Several movements of border MVD troops were observed, and the arrival of Mecklenburg police has been reported. No further details have been obtained. There appears to be no increase in the actual strength of border units, and illegal border crossings are still possible.

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